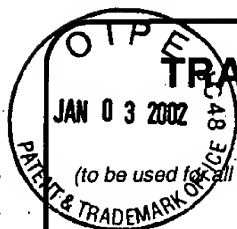


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LETTER

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Sir:

Under the provisions of MPEP § 2001.06(b), the Examiner is hereby advised of the following co-pending U.S. Application(s):

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198 02 893.8	January 21, 1998	Unknown
198 26 766.5	June 12, 1998	Unknown

The subject matter contained in the above-listed co-pending U.S. application(s) may be deemed to relate to the present application, and thus may be material to the prosecution of this instant application.

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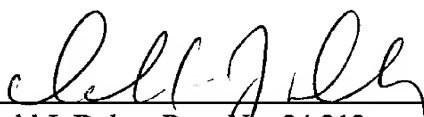
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Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.494 or 37 C.F.R. § 1.495, attached hereto are the following additional items necessary for entering the national phase in connection with the above-identified PCT international application.

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☒ The undersigned hereby declares that "Attorney Docket No. 32860-000163/US" on page 1 of the attached inventors' Declaration corresponds to Appl. No. 09/914,193 filed August 24, 2001 entitled "VACUUM SWITCHING CHAMBER HAVING AN ANNULAR INSULATOR."

☒ English language specification, claims, and Abstract with one (1) sheet of drawings. Applicant submitted the English language specification on August 24, 2001, however, it is hereby resubmitted again.

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☒ No extension fee is required. However, if for some reason it is determined that an extension of time is necessary, applicant hereby respectfully petitions for an extension of time for the filing of the present paper in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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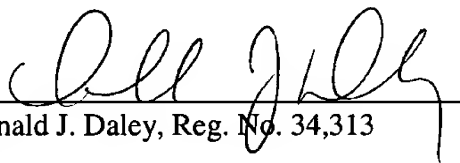
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